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## MEET THE BOARD

Dr. Lea Jean Perritt

Lea Jean Perritt, Ph.D. has been a Board member since 2000. Dr. Perritt currently chairs the supervision committee of the Board, and is a member of the Continuing Education Committee. She is a psychologist in private practice in Lexington and has been a medical consultant with disability determinations since 1986. She is also a community supervisor for doctoral psychology students who see clients at the Jesse Harris Counseling Center at the University of Kentucky. She has been licensed since 1984 and was formerly an assistant professor in the College of Allied Health at UK. She completed her Internship at FCI Ashland, Summit, Kentucky. She has pursued certifications in forensics and pharmacology. She is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. Lea is originally from Ohio. She has published many articles on ethics, patient education techniques, gerontology, and telecommunications. She has been active in KPA committees in the past.

Dr. Perritt is married to Paul A. Biddle, M.A. who recently retired from Kentucky state government after nearly 30 years as an administrator. For relaxation, Dr. Perritt enjoys working in their acre plus yard and sharing jokes with her e-mail peers. ✍

## NEWS FROM ASPPB



Shown are Steven DeMers, Ph.D., Lea Perritt, Ph.D., Kim Jonason, Ph.D., Courtney Spear, M.A., and Richard Applegate, M.A. Perritt, Spear, and Applegate represented the Kentucky Board of Examiners at the Annual Meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) in Phoenix, Arizona in October.

Dr. Kim Jonason of Louisville has been active in ASPPB since his tenure on the Kentucky Board and was elected as President-elect of ASPPB at this meeting. Dr. DeMers, also a Kentuckian, is the Director of ASPPB's Certification Program.

This year's program focused on supervision issues. Dr. Perritt and Mr. Applegate, members of the Kentucky Board's Supervision Committee are in the process of reviewing Kentucky's supervision process in light of information obtained at the conference.

See Dr. Jonason's position statement and an article on EPPP developments elsewhere in this newsletter.

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## **Board Disciplinary Actions**

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken against credential holders by the Board since the last Newsletter. This summary is intended for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate; however, complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's written records.

**Connie Adkins, M.A.                                  6/2/2003                                  Settlement Agreement**

The Board alleged and Ms. Adkins admitted continuing a professional relationship with a patient when the objectivity or competency of the clinician is impaired because of the clinician's social or emotional relationship with that patient and by engaging in sexual intercourse or other physical intimacy with a patient within a period of two (2) years following the last date of service rendered to the patient. The Board and Ms. Adkins agreed: 1) to have her temporary license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth, previously withdrawn by the Board for failure to have a Board approved supervisor, revoked; 2) to be restricted from re-applying for a license for a period of two (2) years, with six (6) months credit for the time since the Board withdrew temporary licensure; and 2) to pay the amount of \$1260.00 for administrative costs to the Board. Other conditions of licensure will apply.

**Frances A. Cook, M.A.                                  9/8/2003                                  Settlement Agreement**

The Board alleged and Ms. Cook admitted failing to cause immediately an oral or written report to be made to the appropriate authorities regarding child abuse, neglect, or dependency when Ms. Cook had reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected or abused. The Board and Ms. Cook agreed: 1) to have her license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth placed on probation for six (6) months beginning from this date of entry of the Settlement Agreement with every other week supervision of her entire practice for a period of six (6) months; 2) pay the amount of \$630.00 for administrative costs to the Board; and 3) to complete appropriate continuing education.

**Stephanie Crabtree Fugate, M.A.                                  5/5/2003                                  Settlement Agreement**

The Board alleged and Ms. Fugate admitted practicing psychology from February 2002, to November 2002, while not under the supervision of a Board-approved licensed psychologist. The Board and Ms. Fugate agreed: 1) to have her license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth placed on probation for one (1) year beginning from this date of entry of the Settlement Agreement with weekly supervision of her entire practice for a period of one (1) year; and 2) to pay the amount of \$500.00 for administrative costs to the Board.

**Kimberly Unseld, M.Ed.                                  6/2/2003                                  Settlement Agreement**

The Board alleged and Ms. Unseld admitted practicing psychology without a certificate from on or about September 1999, until on or about June 2002, after her temporary certificate lapsed on February 15, 1999. The Board and Ms. Unseld agreed: 1) to be restricted from re-applying for a license for a period of one (1) year from the date of entry of an Order of the Board adopting the Settlement Agreement; 2) to not provide direct mental health services to individuals or the public unless holding a current, valid credential from the Board; 3) upon re-application after the one (1) year period, to be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year with supervision; and 4) to pay the amount of \$475.00 for administrative costs to the Board.

**Rodney Young, Psy.D.                                  5/5/2003                                  Settlement Agreement**

The Board alleged and Dr. Young denied aiding and abetting an uncredentialed person to practice psychology. The Board alleged and Dr. Young admitted unintentionally violating KRS 319.082(1)(f) and 201 KAR 26:171 Section 5, which requires the supervisor to ascertain the credentialing status of a supervisee, and thus failing to make all reasonable efforts to be assured that each supervisee's practice is in compliance with KRS 319. The Board and Dr. Young agreed: 1) to have his license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth placed on probation for one (1) year beginning from this date of entry of the Settlement Agreement with weekly supervision of his entire practice for a period of one (1) year; and 2) to pay the amount of \$950.00 for administrative costs to the Board.

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## **ONLINE RENEWALS**

***On-line renewal of credentials now available!*** By accessing the board's web page (<http://psycho.ky.gov>), you can now renew your license online by using a credit card. Just click and follow the instructions. You will be required to list your continuing education courses and upon receipt and approval of copies of your certificates at the Board office, you will be issued a new identification card. There is a convenience fee in addition to the renewal fee for this service. License renewal for Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Psychological Practitioners, and Certified Psychologists with Autonomous Functioning is \$450 with an online renewal convenience fee of \$5.00. Renewal for Licensed Psychological Associates and Certified Psychologists is \$300 with an online renewal convenience fee of \$4.00. ✍

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

By Courtney Spear, M.A.

Jane Brake, Ph.D. and Pat McGinty, Ph.D. recently completed their terms of service on the Board. The dedication and contribution of these two members cannot be overstated: Dr. Brake served as Chair of the Board for two years and spearheaded much of the current organization of committees. Dr. McGinty chaired the Examination Committee and was responsible for the organization and formalization of the oral examinations. Governor Patton has appointed their replacements. The new members are:

- ? **Andrew B. Jones, Jr., Ph.D.**, is a private practitioner with Frager & Associates, a contract psychologist with the Jefferson County Board of Education, employee assistance counselor with Stuecker & Associates, and a part-time adjunct professor at McKendree College. His Ph.D. is from The Union Institute in Cincinnati.
- ? **Susan Abby Shapiro, Ph.D.**, a native of Massachusetts, is a graduate of the clinical psychology program at University of Louisville. She has worked in medical and community mental health settings and has taught and supervised graduate students, but her primary professional work during her career has been in private practice. Dr. Shapiro is married to Allen Furr, Ph. D., a sociology professor at U of L.. They have a 13-year-old daughter, Anna.

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## 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday, January 5, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Monday, February 2, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Friday, February 27, 2004	8:30 a.m.	<b>Oral Examinations(filing deadline - 01/02/04)</b>	TBA
Monday, March 1, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Monday, April 5, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Monday, May 3, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Monday, June 7, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Friday, June 25, 2004	8:30 a.m.	<b>Oral Examinations (filing deadline - 05/02/04)</b>	TBA
Thursday and Friday, July 15-16		TBA Board Retreat	TBA
Monday, August 2, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Monday, August 30, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Friday, September 10, 2004	8:30 a.m.	<b>Oral Examinations(filing deadline - 07/30/04)</b>	TBA
Monday, October 4, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
November 3-5, 2004	TBA	Regular Board Meeting	KPA Convention
Monday, December 6, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Offices
Friday, December 10, 2004	8:30 a.m.	<b>Oral Examinations(filing deadline - 10/29/04)</b>	TBA

*All Regular Board Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky*

All Board meetings are open to the public.

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### Interim Board Committees

#### Complaints

Tracy Eells, Chair  
Henry Davis

#### Supervision

Lea Perritt, Chair  
Abby Shapiro  
Richard Applegate

#### Examinations

Abby Shapiro, Chair  
Courtney Spear

#### Credentials

Courtney Spear, Chair  
Diane Sobel

#### Continuing Education

Richard Applegate, Chair  
Andrew Jones  
Lea Perritt

### Information to Know -

**Board Minutes, Board Opinion and Declaratory Rulings, Credential Verification, Applications and other forms,** and other information about the Kentucky Board of Examiners in Psychology is all available on line at <http://psycho.ky.gov>. The most recent ruling, intended to address 3<sup>rd</sup> party payors and concerns about legitimacy of temporary credentials, has been posted on the site.

**Officers of the Board for 2004:** At the December meeting, the Board elected new officers. Dr. Tracy Eells was reelected to serve a second term as Chair. Dr. Henry Davis is the Vice Chair.

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## ***Developments in ASPPB's Licensing Examination Program***

**By Tracy D. Eells, M.B.A., Ph.D., Board Chair**

Last September, the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) released its annual report on the organization's licensing examination program. ASPPB contracts with the Professional Examination Service to develop and administer the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). Two significant developments have occurred in the past year: Results were released of a survey of contemporary practice patterns in professional psychology and effects of the transition to computerized testing were analyzed.

ASPPB commissioned a study of contemporary practice among licensed psychologists in the United States and Canada in order to update the test specifications of the EPPP. A survey was sent to approximately 1000 licensed psychologists, 40% of whom responded. The results are used to refine the EPPP to ensure that it assesses knowledge required for the performance of critical roles and responsibilities among psychologists and serves the public protection function of regulation. Here are some of the key findings of the survey:

- ? More than half of respondents indicated clinical psychology as their major area of training. However, more respondents practice in clinical child psychology, clinical neuropsychology, community psychology, forensic psychology and geropsychology than were trained in graduate programs specializing in these areas.
- ? About half of respondents described their theoretical orientation as cognitive-behavioral or behavioral.
- ? More recently licensed psychologists tended to identify their primary theoretical orientation as interpersonal or behavioral as compared to less-recently licensed psychologists.
- ? About one third of U.S. respondents reported participating in a formal postdoctoral specialization or respecialization program. Neuropsychology was the most frequently cited area of postdoctoral focus.
- ? More than two thirds of the recently licensed respondents were female, compared to about 40% of the less recently licensed respondents.
- ? Respondents identified the following areas of knowledge and skill as needed in the future: knowledge regarding the interplay between the mind and body; professional skills related to procedures for integrating medicine into psychology, including working with primary care physicians; procedures for combining aspects of spirituality into psychotherapy; and generic skills such as obtaining business skills to run a practice.

A second significant development in the licensing examination program relates to the transition to computer-based administration of the EPPP. Since implementation of computerized testing, average scores have increased, producing an increase in the overall pass rate and a drop in the overall number of candidates taking the exam. Analyses conducted by PES revealed that the number of master's level candidates is decreasing, perhaps due to these individuals seeking credentials in other mental health fields, such as the Licensed Professional Counselor. As a result, the overall pool of candidates may be better prepared for the examination since the pool is represented by fewer master's-level candidates, more doctoral-level candidates, and more of the latter from APA-approved programs. Also, evidence indicates that candidates spend more time preparing for the examination and take it closer to the end of their classroom training. These factors relating to the "quality" of EPPP candidates, however, were not sufficient to explain the increase in average scores. Further analyses indicated a strong item exposure effect. Repeated item exposure has been a necessary component of test development, but may also be exacerbated by commercial test preparation services, which presumably have developed a large pool of items that closely approximate actual items, or at least cover the same concepts. A Task Force appointed by the Board of Directors of ASPPB has recommended a series step to limit item exposure.

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## ***New Independent Practitioners in the Commonwealth of Kentucky***

### **Licensed Psychologists**

Mariana Cecilia Belvedere  
Laura Rose Bolte  
Tina Change Bryant  
Timothy James Carbary  
Jacqueline Chapman-North  
Ginger Bourne Crumbo  
William M. DeRoo  
Jeffrey A. Drury  
R. Aaron Everhard  
Susan N. Lavelle Ficke

Jeanne M. Hinkebein  
Terry J. King  
Karl Knapp  
Fania S. Lee  
Kenneth George Lombart  
Louise W. Michalczyk  
Sara M. Mills  
Robert M. North  
Elizabeth Helmi Pearce  
Suzanne R. Plummer

Filomena Rebelo  
Lisa Ann Ruble  
Jamie Lawrence Studts  
Michele B. Thomas  
Laura Ellen Young

### **Licensed Psychological Practitioners**

Constance Gail Beaman  
Maria Grazia Levin  
Phillip E. Pack  
Susan Lynn Phelps  
Dellynda A. Werline  
Ellen Yass-Reed

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EXPIRED LICENSURE/CERTIFICATE REPORT - Listed below are individuals who did not renew their license/certificate and whose grace period has expired. They are no longer authorized to practice psychology in Kentucky.

License Type	License Last	License First	LCity	LState	Expire Dt
LICPSY	ADAMS	DONNA HASTINGS	FT THOMAS	KY	1/15/2003
LICPSY	CANTEY	SHERYL R.	HAZARD	KY	1/21/2003
CERT	CHRISTIAN JR.	GEORGE E.	LOUISVILLE	KY	3/8/2003
LICPSY	CORTE	HENRY EDWARD	GREENVILLE	TN	1/21/2003
PA	COZART	MELISSA W.	RICHMOND	KY	1/15/2003
LICPSY	ESKOW	KENNETH	OMAHA	NE	1/21/2003
LICPSY	FEATHERGILL	JEFFREY T.	LOUISVILLE	KY	1/21/2003
LICPSY	FERGUSON	ROBERT ALAN	DURHAM	NC	1/15/2003
LICPSY	FLOYD	WILLIAM A.	BOWLING GREEN	KY	7/1/2003
LICPSY	FROEHLING	BRIAN	EDGEWOOD	KY	1/24/2003
LICPSY	GOLDEN	JOHN MATTHEW	BALLWIN	MO	1/24/2003
LICPSY	GREGG	ROBERT EDWARD	DALLAS	TX	1/15/2003
PA	HATFIELD	TAMMY	NORFOLK	VA	4/16/2003
PA	JENSEN	ANDREW L.	HOPKINSVILLE	KY	11/12/2003
LICPSY	KALAFAT	JOHN	PISCATAWAY	NJ	1/15/2003
LICPSY	LIEBENAU	KAREN	LONDON	KY	1/24/2003
LICPSY	MALONEY	PATRICK	UNIVERSITY CITY	MO	4/25/2003
PA	MATHIS	MARTY	LOUISVILLE	KY	4/16/2003
LICPSY	MELCHIOR	WILLIAM C.	MAINEVILLE	OH	1/18/2003
LICPSY	OSBORN,III	DON R.	LOUISVILLE	KY	7/1/2003
LICPSY	PETIPRIN	GARY L.	KNOXVILLE	TN	1/15/2003
PA	RYAN	COLLEEN ANN	MIDWAY	KY	6/1/2003
PA	SHEPPARD	TONY L.	JEFFERSONVILLE	IN	6/1/2003
LICPSY	STUKENBERG	KARL	CINCINNATI	OH	1/15/2003
LICPSY	THACKER	KARISSA	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	7/25/2003
LICPSY	VIATOR	LISA A.	LUBBOCK	TX	6/7/2003
CERT	WHEELER	PATRICIA B. FURGASON	SIMPSONVILLE	KY	11/14/2003
PA	WILSON	LISA GAYLE	LOUISVILLE	KY	1/15/2003

## OPINION AND DECLARATORY RULING - FYI

### Opinion and Declaratory Ruling Regarding State Law Governing Temporary Licensure and the Practice of Psychology

#### Introduction

*This correspondence is in response to a concern raised by the Kentucky Psychological Association and others that managed care companies and insurers may inappropriately discriminate against some licensed doctoral-level psychologists by determining that only individuals with a license, as opposed to individuals with a temporary license issued by the Board per 201 KAR 26:155 or 201 KAR 26:280, are eligible for reimbursement as a psychologist.*

Psychologists who hold a temporary license from the Board have had otherwise appropriate claims for payment for psychological services rendered rejected, or have been rejected for inclusion on managed care panels, based solely on their licensure designation by the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology as a temporary licensee while under supervision and awaiting appropriate licensure. KPA and others seek clarification regarding the intent of licensure by the Board.

The Board has authorized this correspondence as an Opinion and Declaratory Ruling pursuant to KRS 13A.130(3) and KRS 13A.010(2)b as the agency with jurisdiction to interpret the statutes and regulations governing the practice of psychology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

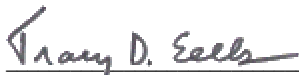
*The Board has described a broad scope of psychological practice for each practitioner regulated by the Board. This scope of practice includes the ability to diagnose and treat mental and nervous disorders and to provide diagnostic, assessment, preventive and therapeutic services directly to individuals and groups. This scope is set forth in the definition of the "practice of psychology" in Kentucky Revised Statute 319.010(6), which need not be repeated here. Those with a temporary credential from the Board must be supervised in accord with 201 KAR 26:171.*

The Board hereby declares that licensure as a psychologist in Kentucky is otherwise generic without limitation under statute as to scope. In this context, the designation of a temporary license occurs when the applicant for a credential as a licensed psychologist or licensed psychological associate meets the standards of 201 KAR 26:155 or 201 KAR 26:280. These standards allow applicants for a credential to practice while awaiting the passage of the required examination otherwise required by statute. For licensed psychological associates, the temporary credential is specifically allowed under KRS 319.064(3). Likewise, temporary certification is allowed by KRS 319.050(3). All credential holders of the Board are mandated to follow the Board's statutes and regulations, including the Code of Conduct, 201 KAR 26:145, and may be disciplined by the Board under KRS 319.082. Individual practitioners must practice only within areas for which they are competent.

Determinations about eligibility to provide psychological services for temporarily licensed psychologists should be based on their holding the legal authority from the Board to engage in the "practice of psychology" as defined by KRS 319.010(6).

As the agency authorized by the Kentucky General Assembly to regulate the practice of psychology in this state, the Board is empowered to interpret its statutes and regulations. In summary, the Board declares and clarifies that temporarily licensed psychologists have the full authority of the Board to engage in the "practice of psychology" as defined in KRS 319.010(6). The designation of a "license" without regard to whether such license is "temporary" or not is the most appropriate means to determine whether an individual provider is eligible to be reimbursed for providing psychological services or to be included on a panel to provide psychological services.

This the 6th day of January, 2003.



Tracy Dwight Eells, Ph.D.  
Chair, Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

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